

**DEAR EDITOR....**

**Swimming Pool—  
Towels, Cabins, etc.**

Editor,  
Torrance Press:

I read Mrs. O'Neill's letter in your Sept. 20, 1956 paper as well as your explanation concerning the municipal swimming pool in Torrance. I was faced several weeks ago with the same problem: After a while, exposed to the cold wind without a towel I "cover" and left this

otherwise very fine place.

The three reasons you give in your note do have a little bureaucratic flavor, I would almost say "red tape." It might perhaps soothe Mrs. O'Neill's little girl, but hardly Mrs. O'Neill herself, who obviously must have patronized other swimming pools, as mentioned in her letter.

Modestly, I also have a little experience with swimming pools, since I am visiting them

since over 60 years. My first swimming pool was located over the mountain river Miljacka in the historic city of Sarajevo (Bosnia, Balkans) where I witnessed besides other things the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914 (The starting point of World War I, World War II and what else...).

The boys then were separated from the girls, but how well I remember the fun the boys had when they could glance on the other side, separated by a high fence.

I remember also that TOWELS WERE ALLOWED even then, in this strongly policed town.

Every visitor had his own cabin which he would lock until he left the place. I know that I never had then changed clothes coram publico, that is, in front of the other boys. We have not been brought up in this way.

In the following years I lived in many countries, Austria, Germany, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Cuba, Turkey, Poland, Bulgaria, Greece and others where I also was a fervent visitor of swimming pools, all provided with cabins for every visitor and... funny enough, all and everywhere bathers had their towels,

their bathrobes, even their chaise-lounges.

In the States, I spent six years on the East Coast and although I could not have too much experience in such little, unimportant place like New York, Asbury Park, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, I never have heard, curious enough, that towels "might have dropped" or had been thrown into the pool or that the so much dreaded "horse play" (snapping towels at others) had been a concern, so serious, as the present the carrying of towels along.

Now how are we to understand point 2 where it says that the Health Department would

object for "sanitary reasons," which means that the public in general and Mrs. O'Neill in particular does not know a thing about sanitary measures. How else could I otherwise understand Mrs. O'Neill's letter, where she is asking towels for SANITARY REASONS, while the Sanitary Department rules it cannot allow same towels for SANITARY REASONS.

seen little cabins erected and I would gladly pay 50c or more extra for the use of one. But practical ideas seemingly do not move fast enough, at least not in this respect.

The other pools I used to visit (Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, Hermosa Biltmore, Topanga Canyon, etc.) which are also very fine and where you can use as many towels as you like, have only one thing to object: they look much more like nudist camps and I would gladly see the ministers of all creeds to visit and see, too. Perhaps they might have more influence and

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Sincerely yours,  
(s) Adolphe De Ha Palos Verdes

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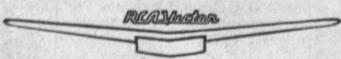
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